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ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Feb 20, 1917.

My Dear Brother! -

Well once again for a few lines, still alive but bombarded and Blue. Get transferred around once or twice a month.

Am now with the Military Police - Trying to get away & come home soon so as to be of help to the folks But don't know if I will.

The Commander here said he would write regarding it but don't know how long it will take or if it will do any good. Maybe months before I will get to come home. You know how it is at home - Mother does everything - And it is not right that she should have

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to work so. So if you can do anything - Get me home at once so that I may help her. Hope you are well by now & all other.

Everyone could be dead & gone for all that I would know of it.

Tell Alma to overlook my not writing - Some day I'll tell you all why. Tell Johnnie and the rest that I am still alive But have not the heart to write. More soon if I ever feel like it - Love^{ing} Best wishes,

Your Bro,
Corp. P. L. Page

A. F. O. 762.



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February 20, 1917

My Dear Mother:-

Well here I am again, feeling pretty good and always living in hopes, as to when I will get to come home, why I don't know - may be a month or two, and it may be a good deal longer. I told the Commander here that you needed me at home and tried to get away at once - no use though, He said he would write & find out so maybe some day by & by I will get to leave here.

I am now with the Military Police Co. - Was with the 85th Div get transferred around & around.

Had some mighty cold weather for a couple of weeks - Snow & rain.

No mail of course anymore. Sure hope you are well & happy.



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things are not going very well & you need me don't hesitate to write my Commander & tell him conditions - I am sorry I am not there but can't help it - Above all don't work yourself to death - I know it is hard and it hurts me to think of you having to work so - But what can I do. Disgusted, well I guess I am - Just about as crazy as I will ever be. - Can't even write I am so upset.

I love you Mother and you know. Try to have patience - I'll do my best. Tell everyone Hello for me and Effie also that I love her still & will be back some day.

God Bless & Keep you safe,
Your Boy,

A.F.O.
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(Corp.) Perry L. Page.

611 Fairview Avenue.
Brooklyn, New York.
February 28, 1919.

My dear Mr. Harris:

I submit herewith my manuscript, "Something
More", for the consideration of Association Press. I
shall be pleased to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Frederic Harris,
Association Press,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

611 Fairview Avenue. Brooklyn, March 3, 1919.

Dear Friends:

The purpose of this letter is to call the attention of the members and friends of the Church to the important meeting to be held at the Church on WEDNESDAY evening, March 5th. At this meeting two questions of great significance will be discussed - (1) The possibility of securing a new church building. (2) The special Easter Services.

Last week I had a most important conference with representatives of the Disciples Missionary Union. We talked at length regarding the possibility of erecting a new church building within the near future. They are prepared to render us most substantial assistance in such a building project. This matter was discussed in the meeting of the Official Board on Sunday afternoon, and certain recommendations to the Church were made. These recommendations will be presented at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

Some time ago the Official Board voted in favor of conducting a series of Special Meetings during the week before Easter. Preliminary plans have been made and will be presented at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

On Wednesday evening definite plans are to be made for the launching of the campaign for the new church building, and for conducting this series of Special Meetings during the week before Easter. It is highly important that every member of the Church be present on that occasion.

In addition to planning to be present, will you not pray earnestly that we may be given guidance in all that we do at this meeting?

Yours in Royal Service,

Kirby Page

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YMCA

March 3, 1919

My Dear Ruby:-

Getting along fairly well, but
am worried about Mother - no
mail from anyone for a good
while - as to coming home -
I don't know when I will get
away - Sure do want to get
back so I can be of help
to Mother and Mr. Mairly.

They need me badly I know - but
at present I can do nothing.

Now listen There is an
A. E. F. Order from Gen. Pershing
that all men who are needed
at home - (can be drafted) at
once - That is if there is
sickness at home or you can
show you are needed to keep
up things. My mail which I
had at the front was all

before I get back. I have done
my bit and acted like a
man and a soldier should
and I believe I deserve a
little consideration, whether I
get it or not.

Have not been paid for
five months now. Believe
me once you become a
Casual you are certainly
out of luck all around.

I think I have gone
thru nearly as much
hell since leaving the front
as I did while up there
fighting - No. Best of Roads
believe me. Of course these
things must be I guess.
But it sure is hard to
go ahead and do your best
under all conditions as they are.

Going to stick till the
Cows Come Home thing.

lost - So I have no proof
that I am needed. If I
can get a letter showing
what help I will be to the
why I believe I would get
a chance to return - As you
know Mrs. Murray is to see
to do anything that therefore
mother does all of the
hard work and it is just
killing her. That worries me
more than anything else.

Still raining all the time.
Weather pretty good though.

Had another spell of G.I.
last night - Work brings.

Hope you, Alona and the
Babies are all well - Write
me soon and do what
you can for Mother's Sake.

I don't believe I would
ever get over it - If any
thing should happen to her.

Should get an answer now
within 30 days anyway.

So move to you soon,
tell mother how things are
and that I'll be back to
her just as quick as I
can get there.

Love and Best Wishes

your Brother

Harry L. Page

(Corporal.)

A.P.O. 762

M. P. C. Training Cadre.

P.S. If things are urgent and
I am needed badly at home
send a cable.

Good Luck.

P. L. P.

Le Mans, France

March 8, 1919.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

My Dear Brother:-

Well, transferred again and worse off still this time - Am now in a Labor Battalion - Do? why I did not do anything - No mail from anyone and I guess there is no chance of getting home to help mother any time soon.

This will be my last letter as long as I am here, why? well because I have done nothing to be placed here - Drafted - yes - to fight, and believe me I was there at the fighting and done my bit - now I have even got a transfer back to my Div. And as for coming home

you have to have the proof
that you are needed at
home - well I cant hear
from mother so how can
I prove it. So you see how
I feel - just about give up
all hopes ~~Box~~ Busted, Disguisted.
and cant be trusted - being
on six months now since
I was paid. So tell mother
if she wants my help she
will have to send an affidavit
to that effect. Tell Johnnie &
all why I am not writing.

Hope you are all well
and happy - Love &c. Best Wishes
your Brother
Corporal Perry L. Page

A. F. O. 762

Prov. Labor Bn.

6th Company.

Camp Spaul

Le Mans, France.

March 10 19.



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My Dear Brother:-

Now listen for a few facts and then get busy for me, if you want to help me and some more boys who are here in the same fix. These facts I want reported to high officials - understand? I don't care who - General Pershing or Sec. Baker anyone who will look into it - Use your own judgment only see that something comes of it - Well here goes -

We were transferred from Angers on Jan 20th - To the 85th Division near Le Mans - Well we did not get any to good treatment there ^{2nd} cold it was freezing, We were put in barns and sheds - No stoves or fires - I slept in an old Barn.

which was full of holes & openings - with
a little straw and 1 blanket under me
and 2 Blankets over me - why I
liked to freeze. Well here comes a
Captain recruiting for M. P. Duty
to stay over here 3 to 6 months,
wanted fighting men who were from
the Army of Occupation - Good food
warm Barracks - paid every month
& so he went on with his line
of talk - Well to get out of there
and get warm I volunteered & was
transferred from there (with lots of company)
to the M. P. Training Camp. The
next day we were examined - Now
here was the examination I received
Name - I told him - Rank I told him
He asked me 2 questions - Can
you run a Truck. No Sir - Can
" " " Motor Cycle No. Sir.
Well the next day I was put in
a company who was marked Unfit
for M. P. and for 23 days I was
there taking out details - working
at times at night - a regular
Labor Co. I goes to the Commanding



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officer - a Captain and asked why I was unfit - He then asked me how much schooling I had & when I answered He said He would put ⁽²⁾ me in a company - well that was the end of it - Tried to put in for a discharge on account of mother - nothing came of it. Tried to get a transfer back to old Co A - 344 M.B. Bn - 90th Div nothing came of it - Well here 5 or 6 days ago we were transferred over here to a Labor Battalion why - we don't know & can't find out - One Sgt who went up & asked why, was put in the Brig so that is the way it goes & believe me if I stay here long

I will go raving crazy or go over
the hill one of the two.

Have not^{re} paid for going on
my sixth month now - No mail
from anyone & believe me I am
just about to give up all hopes.

Three nights ago I saw ~~and~~
this Captain who was doing his
recruiting for M.F.^s The same one
who I volunteered with. Well I goes
up to him & told him the facts
oh he was much surprised &
took my name - Rank & so on
& was going to look into it.
Well have heard from nothing
& chances look slim - Trying to
get this one letter to you I pray
that I may get it there.

Listen I was even made here
to remove my division insignia
which you wear on your left
shoulder - I There is an order
from Gen. Pushing that you
can wear it. So you see.



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why I would just as soon be
in jail & am liable to if
this keeps up. I fought with
the Div & done my bit,
Have absolutely a Clean Record
Was a Good Soldier & done my
best - Was Sgt when I left
the Company - Did not even
get the Rank that I know of
for my Service Record is lost
But all the time we were on
the lines I was Section Sgt
& was to have received the ^(acting)
promotion Nov 5 well I left
the company & came to the Hospital

The 3rd of Nov So I don't know.
However I did not do like some
did who came to the Hospital - Say
they were this & that when they
were not. That is not what is
worrying me. But I certainly
do deserve the right to wear
what is due me. What I want
taking up is this - Want a
transfer from here & want
to be paid - So if I wind
up in the mill you will
understand why - So use your
own judgment as to helping
me out - Tell Mother she
will have to send a statement
if she wants me to help them.
What the conditions are - Their ages
and to what extent my
return would help them.

Listen There are even 2
men here who were prisoners
in Germany for over 4 months.



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Some with wounds on them.
all of the bunch I came with
90 per cent anyway are from the
Army of Occupation. all want
a transfer if they can get it.

Tell Johnnie, Effie - Tell
Everyone why I do not &
will not write - Am ashamed
to put that address on any
of my letters. Hope you are
all well & happy - For
I am neither. Hope to hear
from you soon. So Believe
little of what the papers say
as to how we are getting

along over here. Hell & that's all.

This may not reach you &
if it don't well I guess I
& others are out of Luck.

Love to Abner & the others

Sincerely,

Your Brother

Perry L. Page.
Corporal.

Number 2249782

Formerly of Co A. 344 M. S. Bn.
90th Div

Now with Prov Labor Bn,
6th Company.
Camp Spear.

A.F.O. 762

Please return
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611 Fairview Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.,
March 10, 1919.

Dear Sam, I am of the opinion that you would have no trouble in securing a place of preaching and was highly appreciated. Your letter came this morning and was highly appreciated. I am keenly interested in what you say about your future. As to the relative merits of Chicago and the Columbia-Union combination, I have reached the personal conclusion that the advantages of the latter combination outweigh the former. If Dr. Henderson were alive, I should think they would be more nearly equal. My own opinion is that the Ciddings-Dewine-Ward combination is superior to anything Chicago offers in sociology. At Union are such men as McGiffert, Fosdick, Black, Coffin, Cbe. I think there is no doubt at all that Union has the best teaching staff of any seminary in the country. Their library is a wonder.

I have certain very clear convictions regarding the value of just living in New York for a time. It opens up a new world to you. Just to be here at the heart of things for a while is an experience that will be valuable and the rest of our lives. You have had a taste of Chicago and my own opinion is that a stay of a year or two or three would prove to be exceedingly profitable for you. There is another element which, in my opinion, should be taken into consideration. The Church of Christ is exceedingly weak in the East, as you know. While I am far from being a rank denominationalist, I do believe that we have a contribution to make to the religious life of the Eastern States. At present our contribution is almost negligible. Relatively few people here know anything about the Church of Christ at all. In New York City, we have only 5 churches and 3 missions. Our largest church here is Brother Ideman's, with 450 members. The other churches have memberships of 375, 275, 240, 80. The missions have 100, 80, 70. These figures will emphasize what I am trying to say. The American Christian Missionary Society is beginning to realize the situation here and this year is going to put three or four times as much money here as ever before.

When I came here I was told that you had to do things differently than in the West, that you could not expect to build up a church as fast here. I have found that conditions are somewhat different, but my own experience has proved to me that the people are eager to respond to a real message here as anywhere else. I preached for the Ridgewood Heights Church of Christ mission here during the first four months of 1917 (when I was with Mr. Eddy in New York). When I began there were 7 members of the church. In four months we raised it to 50. Then Sansbury came and laid splendid foundations for nine months. I returned on July 1st, 1918, and since that time we have increased the membership from 59 to 100, notwithstanding the fact that I was unable to preach for three full months of that time. We now expect to begin the erection of a new church building within the very near future, and I am confident that we shall see a steady growth. I am absolutely certain in my own mind that this program could be repeated all over Greater New York if the right men could be secured as pastors. A little Western blood will do the churches good, in my opinion.

611 Riverside Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
March 10, 1919.

I am of the opinion that you would have no trouble whatever in securing a place to preach, either with one of our churches or with one of another denomination. The salary will average from \$1200 to \$1500 per year. I am getting \$1500 with the understanding that I am to carry full work in the university if I so desire. Living expenses are very much higher in New York, near the university, than in the part of Brooklyn where we are living, near the church. We are paying \$19 a month for an apartment of five large rooms unfurnished. Furnished rooms near Columbia are very high, probably \$45 for two furnished rooms and a kitchenette, per month. It takes me about an hour to reach the university. Railway facilities to nearby places is excellent. If you secured a church within a reasonable distance, you might prefer to do as we do, live near the church.

You ask my opinion of Union. I think the academic standard is higher than any seminary in the country. I am not so favorably impressed with the spiritual tone of the seminary. My observation is that students come out lacking spiritual fervor or warmth. If you understand what I mean, they come out too academic and cold blooded, in many cases. This does not need to be so, but my impression is that Union does not sufficiently develop the personal religious life of the students. This is only my opinion.

I think Gratton is planning to come here in the Fall, and I understand that Turner is also seriously considering the possibility of coming here.

If there are other matters upon which you would care to have my opinion, I shall be most pleased to hear from you. You will forgive the somewhat boastful tone of this letter. I am confident that you could render a real contribution to the Kingdom of God here, and am personally hopeful that you may decide to come. It would be such a pleasure for us to have you near where we could see you once in a while.

Write again when you can take a minute. We are all well and are greatly enjoying our life and work here. With best wishes for all of you,

Affectionately yours,
When I came here I was told that you had to do things differently than in the East. I do believe that we have a contribution to make to the religious life of the country. Our largest contribution is in the Church of Christ at Christ at Christ. We have only 5 churches and 3 missions. The other churches have many members. I returned on July 1st, 1918, and since that time we have increased the membership from 50 to 100, notwithstanding the fact that I was unable to preach for three full months of that time. We now expect to begin the erection of a new church building within the very near future, and I am confident that we shall see a steady growth. I am absolutely certain in my own mind that this program could be repeated all over Greater New York if the right men could be secured as pastors. A little Western blood will do the churches good, in my opinion.

RIDGEWOOD HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
Forest Ave. & Linden St.

611 Fairview Ave., Brooklyn, March 11, 1919.

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter is being written because of a rumor which has reached my ears. I am informed that in speaking publicly from your pulpit you said that I (as pastor of the Ridgewood Heights Church of Christ) had made a public attack upon you and your Church. I sincerely hope that my information is incorrect. I want to assure you that neither in public nor in private have I said one word against you or your Church. I have always heard you spoken of in the highest terms, and I am informed that the work you are doing in connection with your Church is unusually successful. It is my unbroken rule never to attack or criticize other churches from my pulpit or in private conversation. I have an unusually keen interest in the union of God's people, and rejoice whenever I see success crowning the efforts of a Christian minister. I would not willingly say or do anything that would in the least way reflect upon another church.

My sincere hope is that the activities of your Church may be abundantly blessed by the Holy Spirit.

With sincere good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Rev. B. E. Miller,
1831 Gates Ave.,
Ridgewood.

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toward the Building Fund of the
Ridgewood Heights Church of Christ.
It is understood that this pledge
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FOREIGN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

BOX 884

CINCINNATI, OHIO

CABLE ADDRESS, "GO"



March 14, 1919.

Mr. Kirby Page,
611 Fairview Av.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Brother Page:

I am exceedingly sorry that I was not able to come to New York and carry out our plans for the conference together. I have been very anxious to talk over the missionary situation with you before your plans were fully worked out for your graduate training.

Brother A. E. Cory is to be in New York before many days and I am asking him to get in touch with you and plan for a conference. He is in such close touch with the mission fields that he could help you a great deal. He served as a missionary for ten years in China himself. I know how appealing the work here in America is but the calls from our foreign fields are bringing the very greatest burden upon us at this time. You know the situation in China where you made quite a study of conditions. Other fields are not one whit behind that field in their possibilities and obligations just now. We must greatly strengthen our missionary force if we meet the opportunities following the war at all. When we find one who is interested in the mission field and who has had some touch with it we are always exceptionally anxious that they should go. I think the opportunities are broad enough so that you and Mrs. Page could find some work into which you could very happily fit in most of the lands.

We have a situation in China, at Luchowfu, where we need a man of your type very much, indeed. One could have charge of the Boys' School there and at the same time be in evangelistic service. The school would be a sort of center and spiritual workshop for the whole district. I am sending you a statement which President Paul of the College of Missions has just written concerning that work. Mr. Abram Cory is not in his office today but immediately on his return I will take the matter up with him and plan for him to see you in New York. I fear now that I will not be able to be in the city before May or June. South America is offering wonderful opportunities and our people must advance rapidly in their plans there.

Hoping you may decide for the mission field and that your plans will work out satisfactorily all around, I am

Cordially yours,

SJC/LS

Call up Bert Wilson missionary headquarters
25 Madison Ave. 19th floor, early Monday.
See other letter.

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FOREIGN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

BOX 884
CINCINNATI, OHIO
CABLE ADDRESS, "GO"



March 15, 1919.

Mr. Kirby Page,

611 Fairview Av.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Brother Page:

I find that our Secretary, Mr. Bert Wilson, is to go on to Washington today and will be in New York Monday and possibly Tuesday. I would like very much if you could have a conference with him concerning the mission field. You could call him up on Monday at the Foreign Missions Headquarters, 19th Floor, 25 Madison Av. I am sure he would be able to arrange a conference with you for the evening if it is convenient to you. Possibly some time might be open on Tuesday in case you could not meet him on Monday night. Mr. A. E. Cory is also to be in the city about the same time. He has spent ten years in China. I am hoping that he may see you also.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

S. J. Cory

SJC/LS

March 15 1919

Peking, China -

March 20 - 1919.

Dear Kirby,

It was good to have a letter from you & to know how you are & where. Sorry to learn of your sickness & hope by now you are O.K.

I missed the Eddys when they were in China: they were in some way delayed & did not get further in than Shanghai. We had a great set-up arranged for him here which I wish he could have kept.

As to your suggestion, I am not quite sure just what I do think about the formation of a club like that. Of course we all want to keep in touch with one another, &

Such a thing, I shall feel
honored to be one of you. You
knew the crowd better than I. I
did not get to know many of that
bunch awfully well. In C.O.
a requirement - a desirable one,
I mean? Not of the others as
except G.S.E. He ought by all
means to be included unless
we join in on that basis -

By the way, I find not a few
who are at agreement with us
on some of these points. There is a
great spirit abroad - Woodrow
has kept on in dictation
as much as anyone could. I
think permanent peace looks
like a substantial hope. Korea

has risen in peaceful revolution. The
Christians in Korea refused to join
a bloody one. I hope justice may
be done. The Japs knock all
the peace-loving ones out of you.
Do not think I am losing my
faith!

Let me know the general reaction
to your scheme. I'll gladly come
in on it - Coming home this
December, whether by India or
Pacific is not yet determined.
My best to you always!

As ever,

A.S.

P.M. Spr.

Wonderful campaign in our school
recently. So decisions -

Share real things. But I should not
care to bind myself to any correspon-
dence so rigidly agreed upon as
that with so many people. It
would be great if now & then the
old bunch could get together
& swap experiences - but I am a
little doubtful about organizing
the rest of it. That is, I don't
honestly think the memory &
work together is enough of
a bond to hold as strong many
years, except in so far as many
of us will keep in touch
anyway personally. I don't
want to be a gloom, however, &
if the rest of the crowd that
you mentioned want to have

611 Fairview Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
March 21, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Atwater:

This letter is being written at the suggestion of Mr. Guy Inman.

For some time I have been corresponding with Mr. S. J. Corey, of the Foreign Society, with regard to the possibility of engaging in their work in China or elsewhere. On Tuesday I had a conference in this connection with Mr. Bert Wilson. During the conversation I mentioned to him that my wife and I have recently become very much attracted toward the work in Latin America. At the conclusion of our conversation, we had a joint conference with Mr. Inman, as one who is thoroughly familiar with the situation in Latin America. Later I had a conference with Mr. Inman and Dr. Browning with regard to the proposed Faculty of Theology and Social Science at Montevideo. I was informed that they have no one in sight as the first Professor of Social Science in this institution. I write, as an ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ, to offer myself for this work.

I realize full well that at present I do not possess the necessary qualifications for this position. My hope is that by devoting the next three years to intensive study along this line, and if possible securing the Ph.D. degree, I may possibly fit myself, in some way at least, for this great task. I am informed by Dr. Browning and Mr. Inman that this professor of Social Science will not be greatly needed for at least two years.

You may care to have a word concerning my past experience and training. Beginning in March 1916, I served as private secretary to Dr. George Sherwood Eddy, for a period of more than two years, travelling with him on two long tours in France and the British Isles, and one long tour through China, Korea and Japan. My work with Dr. Eddy was of a varied nature, being partially secretarial, partially executive, partially literary, partially evangelistic. During the summer of 1918, I had the privilege of serving as private secretary to Dr. John R. Mott. For a period of three and a half years, from 1908 to 1911, I served as Assistant Secretary and Boys' Work Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Houston, Texas. I preached for the Church of Christ at Monteith, Iowa, for three years during my stay in Des Moines, and for the Morgan Park Church during the six months I was in Chicago. I have preached for the Ridgewood Heights Church of Christ in Brooklyn for a total of nine months, during which time about 80 members have been received into the church. This is a mission church of the American Christian Missionary Society.

I received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Drake University in 1915, as well as Certificates from the College of the Bible and the Department of Religious Education. I spent six months in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, leaving hurriedly in order to accept the position with Dr. Eddy. My record in scholarship was only average, due in part to my unusually heavy participation in college activities. I was president of the college Y.M.C.A. for three years, a member of the varsity basket ball team for three years, intercollegiate tennis champion of Iowa in singles and doubles for two years, editor-in-chief of The Quax, the college annual, president of the Student Volunteer Band, in addition to preaching each Sunday.

I am twenty-eight years of age, married, with two children. My wife, who was Alma Folse, has had one year in Texas Christian University and one year in Drake. Kirby, Jr. is three years and three months old. Vary is nineteen months old.

Full information with regard to my character and ability may be secured from any of the following men, with whom I have been intimately associated in the past: Rev. C. S. Medbury, Des Moines; Rev. Winis Idelman, New York City; Rev. C. G. Kindred, Chicago; Dr. C. S. Eddy, 147 Madison Ave., New York City; Dr. John R. Mott, 347 Madison Ave., New York City.

If for some reason I should not be able to qualify for the professorship in Social Science at Montevideo, I should be glad to consider a similar position in some other Latin American field.

Very sincerely yours.

Mrs. Anna R. Atwater,
College of Missions Building,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Knights of Columbus
OVERSEAS SERVICE



**ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES**

A.P.O. 762

DATE March 28-19.

My Dear Alma:-

Please forgive me for being so terribly bad at writing, but as you know I always did hate to write a letter and at present, well I have by no means improved on it here.

Received one letter yesterday from you written in November the one with the pictures in it. Think of it four months to get a letter - Was glad of course to get it however late it was.

Nothing from mother or any of you lately - So you I am here like a monkey on a log. Know absolutely nothing of things at home. Blue - Say that is not the proper word at all.

And furthermore have no idea at all as to when I will get

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away. Yes, believe me I will
have some things to tell when
I do get back. Oh yes I'll get
back if I live to be old enough.

Would give most anything for
a sight of you and those kids.

Take it from one who knows,
this sure does not improve a
mans condition spiritually. Or any other
way that I can see. Grouch -
Well I guess I am you would
hardly know me now - Am just
opposite what I was when I came
over. Smile about once a week.

Was not for John and her
letters I would be going home.

She writes more than all of
you do together - Bless Her Heart.

Believe me it will be a
lucky man who succeeds in
winning her. Am going to have
over

a look at him myself if I
ever hear of wedding bells there.

Hope you and Kirby are well
and that all is OK.

For all I know I may be
here six months yet - Pleasant
thought - Hub. well I guess.

And as for these funch
people - (girls & all) well to
honestly would be a shame to
print my opinion of them.

Guess I had better shut up
before I get started right and
tell a few things.

So more to you (won't promise
when) later - Love and Best Wishes,
your Brother,

Carpenter P. L. Page

65th Depot Company.

A. F. O. 762 - Camp Spur

A. E. F.

Changed the name of our organization
here lately - Still in the same
place and the work the same.

The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations

124 East 28th Street, New York.

347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Bareilly, India, March 29, 1919.

Mr. Kirby Page,

611 Fairview Ave.,

Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Kirby:

Many thanks for your good letter of January 27th. I trust our report letters will get through to you in due course. We are in the midst of our big drive through forty cities. Professor Hutchins has gone to Burma, and Bromley Oxnam who has been with me as secretary, now leaves for two months for social service lectures to the British troops in India. Fowler is with me and has developed into a wonderful personal worker. The center of our whole message this year is found in the inscription written upon a banner which hangs before us in every meeting. It is written in English and in the vernacular: "Personal Evangelism. The Greatest Work in the World. Winning Others One by One for Christ." We speak for an hour and then have a break in the meeting and go right to personal work on the spot just as we did in China.

I note that you are forming a "War Zone Friends Club." I certainly count myself a friend of every member in the group that you mention, but I do not see how I could possibly fulfill the conditions that you lay down. I certainly could not prepare a thesis of five thousand words, and it would be difficult to keep in personal correspondence with every member of a growing group. I am just launching a scheme here in India for a League of Colleges that will require daily intercession and large work on my part. So I do not see how I can have time to join the group you mention. Moreover, I find nearly every one of the men is a pacifist. My conviction right down to the bottom is clearly and strongly against pacifism. With all my heart I believe in the League of Nations to enforce peace, but I believe that the pacifist position which makes no provision for the maintenance of government by force is a very grave error, and I am sure I would not make a harmonious member of the group, so I cannot join it.

I rejoice that you are having such a good time in your church. May God bless you in all your work and your future.

Ever sincerely yours,

Y. S. Eady

Monday, Apr 5

Dear Children, I will make
this a partnership letter. I have gotten
so I hate to try to write a letter, but
I have written you several times since
I got to this place & mailed them at the
P.O. so I don't see why you never got
them, we are getting along fairly well,
Perry & Edith came up last night the
train is due here at one fifty, but
was a little late, so we got back at
three o'clock, Murray & I drove in to
trouble to meet them. He brought
Edith in the buggy & Perry & I mounted
too, its nearer to the R.R. only about two
miles, so I must be getting better, it
was a beautiful night Perry walked back
last night, but Edith will stay until
Wed: & take the day train, yesterday
was cold, a swift weather blowing

& this morning there was plenty frost
we covered up the tomato plants
but the beans & peas will be
killed I expect, & we had watermelons
up too, I am so sorry for & expect
the fruit is killed too.

Edith & I went to drive into Guffin
this afternoon for a few things, & so
she has look around a little
we have never moved our freight
& the house is pretty bare, just two
beds, tables, & ^{to chairs} stoves, is all we get.
There was to be Easter services, an egg
hunt yesterday, but we staid with Perry
we all traifed the place over, & fished
a little, but never caught any thing
it was too cold & windy, but we had some
pretty ferns, so Edith & I are going back
& get them to pot, did I tell you I

that I rec'd a card from Bro. Larkin
I wrote him telling how to find us
but had to tell him that we were
attending the other church, so I don't
much look for him. Mary will never
change, & I don't see much difference
I never enjoy any place or people
so I don't care, I'll just do the best
I can; Alas I do wish your the
children were here, to tramp with us
& there are such good beds on the
meat (just off our land) for them to
play in, of course I want to see
you, but He never cares so much for
the world. I am truly sorry you were
bothered about not hearing from me
for I did write about once a week
will try to get them to go more regular
I love you all, write, Mother

write the World Ball, too please

Wed night, March 24

Dear Kirby & Alma,

I will try to write at last
I have been so badly discouraged to do any thing
we turned the Kirbyville place over to the Agt
expect we will loose the thousand we put in
although Leake says not; it serves me right
for not being satisfied with what I had, we sold
every thing, & now I am left with nothing, we
until I can work for more, if the Lord
will only let me keep able to work, I am
better than I was & if I could be comfortable
& not work so hard I might get well, it's my
stomach & kidneys, my bowels are moving now
without pills, & I am doing a lot of work to
this place is two & a half miles South of Lynchburg
on the road to Hanover, there are two families
in calling distance, & thirteen on the road to the
City limits; it's quite a good little Town, but I

am sorely disappointed; East Texas is not what
it used to be when I lived at Woodville
thirty or more years ago; we have a fine
room house; but its not finished up, red paint
or paper inside painted white outside, two
underground cisterns but they leak, & will
cost quite a bit to get them fixed; there are
some fruit trees peaches, apples, pears & cherries
plenty of blackberries, we bought two jersey
cows & calves, one horse & buggy; one roan
& fifteen hens; cant even buy chicken,
never saw such a scarcity of every thing
we have never got our freight yet, I shipped
the Separator, Incubator, & washing machine
but may be all summer getting them
if I ever do, there is not a B. remiss any
more, & I know we made a big mistake
in moving, even if I get better, Murry
will feel; & I will marry because I cant
fix up the house, so it would have been
better to have died & gotten out of the way
I cant keep my mind on what I want

To say, we have 48 acres, about half in
cultivation, cost 24 hundred half cash.
balance in three yearly payments. & unless
we are able to raise seed to keep the stock
we cannot stay here, God alone knows.
I am helping Murry to get the corn planted
its impossible to hire any help, high wages
at saw mills, & public work takes them all
looks like its only old people, & scrubs left
on the farms. I surely would love to see
you all, maybe we will have a bed & some
dishes by the time you can come, I think
I told you I shipped the Piano to Perry to
keep. I was sick all the time I was in
Hawton, & that night at Mrs Hemmans
was like a nightmare to me, they all
wanted me to go, but I was not able to be
out of bed really, Almas I am almost as
thin as I was the first time you went to Okla
I went to bed to-night, but its storming quite
hard & I couldnt sleep so I got up to write
the house is full of rats, & they keep me awake
Too, we are using poison & traps, did not have

Kirby will you write to the American
magazine, & have it sent here, they wrote
that they were so behind that my subscription
would start with the March issue; & in
morning I lost the address,

I surely would love to see you in the
new place, & oh! how I do want to see
the children, but have no idea of ever
getting up there again, I have spent too
much money, & we are getting old.

but I love you just the same, &
maybe when we stay here awhile we
will feel better over the outlook

pray God to guide & keep us
Mother

we go to the First Foundation Church
its a fairly good little congregation
on the other side of Town, makes about three
miles for us to go, yes, there is a big church
too, but Murry won't go there.

1703 GATES AVENUE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

April 8, 1919

Rev. Kirby Page,
Christain Church,
Forest Ave. & Linden St.,
Brooklyn.

Dear Mr. Page, --

Your kind favor of several weeks ago came duly to hand. In reply beg to say that it is a false report. How a rumor like that could be started I am not able to explain..

I can assure you that I only entertain the kindest of feelings towards you and your church and like wise towards any of the other churches in our section here. There is room for all of us. My prayers go with all honest Christian endeavours.

I wish to thank you for the brotherly spirit your letter contained. I am,

Respectfully yours,

B. E. Miller

Sunday Apr 13th

Dear Kirby: if the weather permits, & the Gard is willing we expect to go to Lakemup tomorrow. I want to go to a Notary & get a statement fixed up in behalf of Perry; & I want you to send it to the one where it will do the most good: I think Genl Pershing will be the one; you ask the Red Cross & if about it, & be sure to register the letter, take no chances until:

I don't know what is the matter, but Perry said he was ashamed to give that address; & would not tell any one except you, I don't say much to any one, except to the ones that can give you some information you are all wrong if you think he is not in trouble of some kind: Kirby don't stop until you exhaust every means to help him get home, he says he has about given up hope of ever

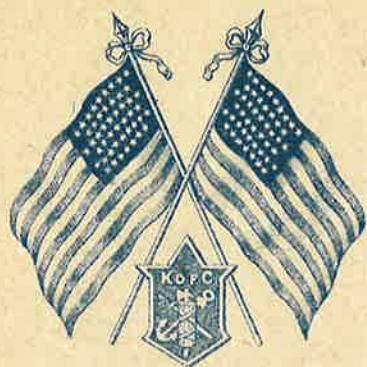
getting back. what can be the matter
he says he don't know.

the snow is just about all gone, &
the little garden stuff is most all killed
we can't tell about the peaches, &
currants yet; may be a few left
its warm to day.

I got only forty little chicks
the pipe got to leaking inside the
Incubator; expect I can get it
soldered up; there is a little cold
now, but it got out on the wire, but
is getting better; the cat got to eating
little chicks, & we have to keep her
shut up of days; she has five kittens
wish the children could have them to
play with; pray, & work for Perry's return
we keep up; but that about all;

Love to all from Mother

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Le Mans, France.
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DATE 4-13-19.

My Dear Bro:-

Nothing new to speak of- getting along as good as could be expected.

Still think I will get away this month, in fact I believe by the 20th which would throw me in the States by the first or before.

So keep your eyes on the 28th you'll be with them somewhere most likely with the latter part of the Div. going back as a Casual of course- just attached to them for the trip.

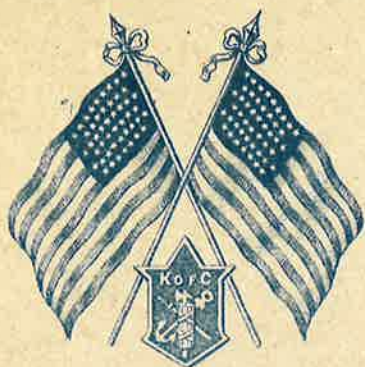
Now listen I wrote Mother, Johnnie, Effie that I thought I would leave here by the first so if I get back quicker than they think I will - all O.K. So don't mention a word for I am going to surprise them

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when I arrive at home. See -
Don't even want you to write any
of them when I get to the States.
That is of my arrival there for
I am going to have some fun
in slipping up on them.

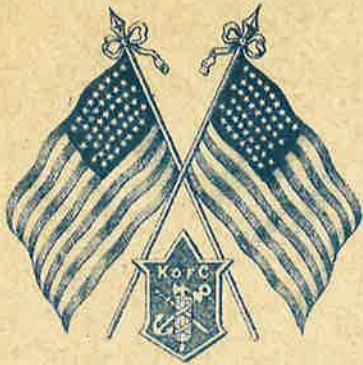
Rained yesterday, all last night
& still at it. Nice country?
yes almost.

Weighed yesterday for the first
time in months. 158½ —

Above all now we must arrange
somehow for me to get over to
you see & family or you will have
to come & see me. I'll keep my
eyes open - you do the same.

Sure wanted to bring back
some souvenirs for all of you
but looks impossible - Have 6
months and 13 days pay coming to

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me today. And if they don't pay
me - well its all off.

My but the time passes
slowly now. Honestly believe I
will be on the water in 10
days anyway - maybe even sooner.

No mail from anyone. Cant
imagine why.

Hope you are all well and
that every thing is O.K.

Will keep you posted, But
mums the word - Tell Alma too.

Hoping to see you both soon
With Love and Best Wishes,

your Lil Bro,
(George) Perry L. Page.

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347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 16, 1919

Mr. Kirby Page,
611 Fairview Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Page:

Your manuscript has just come back from the final round of the readers. I really do not see how we can take this on just now, but I would give a good deal if I could have a conversation with you about it. We have put the manuscript into the hands of some very capable men, and if you should wish to offer this to another publisher, the suggestions might be of value to you. One of our best men has taken the trouble to write out suggestions as to how the material could be revised. He has great admiration for a great deal of it but feels that there are very serious defects.

Yours very sincerely,

Frederic Harris

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347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 18, 1919.

Mr. Kirby Page,
611 Fairview Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Page:

I am enclosing herewith comments on
SOMETHING MORE.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick Harris

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"Something More"

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In reply to your query as to whether anything can be done to remove the defects I found in "Something More", I would make the following constructive criticisms.

Chapter I. Concentrate in this chapter the best of the physical marvels related throughout the book, being sure that each one is verified. Bridge the liaison between the first and latter part of the chapter by a few paragraphs showing the order and purpose of the universe. Just because there are wonderful things being found out in certain directions is no proof of God's existence or creative power. But the system and orderly development of the world in which we live is an indication of purposeful creation, even though not proof in the proper sense.

Chapter II. After Chapter I the author should cut loose entirely from his electrical, radio-active, and etherial marvels and not revert to them, except perhaps in the last chapter. They are out of place in the Chapter on Christ. I might comment in passing that Chapters II and III should be reversed. The study of man had better follow directly on that of God. In the chapter on Christ the opening sections should describe man's spiritual achievements, chiefly in the non-Christian lands. Much could be made of comparative religions here. The conclusion should be along the line that, marvelous as these triumphs are, there is "something more" yet in Christ for the redemption of the world, e.g. the Holy Spirit is working mightily through men to establish a human brotherhood on earth.

Chapter III (it should be II) should have as its introductory note the marvelous achievements of man in the realm of the intellect and of social life. There might also be illustrations of his physical greatness, -skill and endurance being contrasted with pure might. There is a suggestion of this when the author mentions man's extension of his physical efforts through modern locomotion, telephony, gunnery, etc. From these, especially the social and ethical achievements of man he could argue to "something more". His illustrations of great men developing out of weakness are very good here.

Chapter IV should deal entirely with the biological and social, for in any discussion on life comparison with the material is out of place.

Chapter V will not need a great deal of change except the introduction of illustrations of anti-social handicaps of the race.

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My chief objection to the book is much more fundamental. Each chapter leads off with a description of great marvels in the physical world, and then a jump is made to the spiritual world. The reader is browbeaten with scientific facts till he is bewildered, and the author then says, "Cheer up, these are nothing to what you will find in the spiritual world." (not a quotation) It is not till afterwards that the reader perceives that he has been fooled by a non-sequitur, and that the author has demonstrated nothing. Only in the first chapter is there the slightest possibility that the analogy from the physical to the spiritual will hold, for the wonders of the universe do testify to the greatness and wisdom of God.

Each chapter falls into two sharply defined parts, the first a congeries of scientific facts, the second spiritual observations about God, Christ, Man and Life. The theme of the book is that as we have not discovered all there is to be known of the material world, so there is "something more" to be learned about God, Christ, Man and Life..purely an argument from analogy.

The merit of the book lies in the author's brilliant style. He rushes the reader along at a breathless pace, and holds his interest unabated. The book will be widely read, and pronounced marvelous, etc., by a majority of the readers.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. April 19, 1919.

Mr. Kirby Page,
#611 Fairview Ave.,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Mr. Page:-

I regret that I have been so tardy in acknowledging your letter of March 21st, but I have been very much away from the office and all our force are more than full of responsibilities.

We have been interested in what you have told us of your purposes. I am glad you had a talk with Mr. Inman and Dr. Browning. They understand the problems of Latin America as few others can. It is not our custom to give definite appointment, several years in advance, to workers preparing for special kinds of service. Perhaps you may see many reasons why we cannot do that, but we do appreciate your interest and your willingness to make preparation. I, personally, feel that, if you go forward with your preparation as you have now planned, there will be a place of service for you. If the one in Montevideo shall be taken by some other before that date, surely there will be other positions on the many needy fields. You do not say you will pursue this course unless you have the encouragement of appointment to this position, but I judge your plan educationally was previously decided upon.

If there is any further information I can give you I shall be glad to do it. When you are more nearly ready for service I shall be glad to hear from you again. Your experience on the foreign field will help you in your plans for future work.

With earnest good wishes,

Truly yours,

Anna R. Atwater.

ARA/HG

611 Fairview Ave., Brooklyn, NY, April 22, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Atwater:

Let me thank you for your letter of April 19th. I quite appreciate the wisdom of your practice of not making definite appointments well in advance. And yet I am convinced that so far as I am personally concerned that the time has come when I ought to be thinking and preparing in terms of a definite task in a particular field. The fact that I will soon be 29 years of age seems to make it imperative that I should come to an almost immediate decision with regard to the exact nature of my life work.

What you say - "there will be a place of service for you.. on one of the many needy fields" - is probably true. But this is not definite enough, it seems to me, for the maximum of efficiency in the preparation for that work. For instance, I should not consider it to be the course of wisdom to devote the next three years to serious academic study unless I were sure that my life work is to be in a higher educational institution. If my work is to be in such an institution then surely I ought to know the department in which my major work will be carried on. I will never be qualified to teach in an institution of advanced learning until I make specific preparation for the work of a particular department in theology or social science. If I am going to do evangelistic or regular pastoral work with the relatively illiterate, then I ought to proceed at once to the field, so it seems to me. If I am going to work in Latin America, then I ought to begin the study of Spanish almost immediately. This would not be a profitable course to follow if there is a chance that my work will be in China, India or elsewhere.

It seems to me that the question is not whether there will be an opportunity open somewhere on the foreign field, but rather where is the opening through which I may make my maximum contribution to the Kingdom of God. Certainly I should be able to do this task with greater thoroughness if I knew well in advance what it is to be and made specific preparation for it.

As I told Mr. Bert Wilson in our recent conversation, I am convinced that if I do not make a definite decision soon with regard to a particular place on the foreign field, the chances are that the decision will not be made at all, because of age, difficulty of getting the language fluently, the press of important opportunities in this country, and many other reasons.

I appreciate something of the reason for your practice of not making definite appointments well in advance, and the purpose of this letter is not to seek to persuade you to make an exception in my case. My purpose is simply to state more fully my own reasons for writing to you as I did.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Anna B. Atwater,
College of Ministers Building

Marseilles

22 April, 1919

Dear Kirby: -

We sail from here May 5th on the Roma of the Fabre line, four in our party in addition to Patry. (Mallory, Miss Agnes and Grace and myself). We ought to be in New York about the 18th. Hope you can come to meet us. I'll send you a wireless later as to exact time. May not get to do this, so perhaps you'd better ^{make inquiries.}

Am having some money sent to you for me. Two weeks in Marseilles is going to take about all we have. There may be other mail sent to you for me.

Hope all are well and ^{are} looking forward to seeing you soon. Greetings to Alma and the children. Sincerely yours,
Leland.

Lock door

22 April 1877

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the matter of the Lock door. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the examination. I have, however, no objection to your making such use of the facts as you may think proper. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. Thompson

Port Said, Egypt.

April 13, 1919

Dear friend Kirby:-

We are on our way home, sailing from this place day after tomorrow on H.M.T. Malwa for Marseilles. Our route from there on is not yet determined, but we are going to make it the shortest possible for baby's sake. We are all quite well at present.

We are coming home earlier than usual because of unusual conditions in Egypt.

We are expecting to have a nice visit with you in New York. We don't know how soon we'll arrive but hope that it will be soon. Shall send you a cable or wireless and possibly you might be able to meet our ship.

Have several letters to write and as shall talk at length when we meet in Brooklyn.
Best wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
Leland.